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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerard M. Housey
Serial No. : 09/510,562 *#35/E*
Filing Date : February 22, 2000 *Zuta*
For : METHOD FOR SCREENING FOR PROTEIN
INHIBITORS AND ACTIVATORS *6/1/03*
Examiner : Guzo, D.
Art Unit : 1636

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

SIR:

Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination. A final Office Action was mailed November 19, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed, extending the time for response up to and including May 19, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks in the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

33. (amended) A method of determining whether a chemical agent is a direct inhibitor or activator of an enzyme in a cell whose production by that cell evokes a responsive change in a phenotypic characteristic of the cell, other than the level of said enzyme in said cell per se, which comprises: